

Graham Denies Knowledge
Of C.I.A. Funds for Trip

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SAN JUAN, P. R., March 24 — The Rev. Billy Graham, whose week-long religious crusade closes here Easter Sunday, denied knowledge yesterday of Central Intelligence Agency financial support for his recent trip to Latin America.

Mr. Graham also called Vietnam "a confusing war," where "both sides claim they are morally right," and denied that he was a "hawk." The evangelist was quoted by the English-language daily San Juan Star.

"I would never accept funds from any government agency—especially the C.I.A.," he said.

A recent Time magazine article reported that the C.I.A. had partly supported his recent crusade in Latin America.

Mr. Graham said that on his return to the mainland next week he would "try to find out" if the C.I.A. had funded the trip without his knowledge.

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